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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 April 2009.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 10-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 10-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This final office action is in response to the amendment filed 1 April 2009.
2. Claims 10-18 are pending. Claim 10 is an independent claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

4. Claims 10-12 and 17 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Alhir (Learning UML, published July 2003).

As per independent claim 10, Alhir discloses a method for production of a documentary chain on the basis of a structured model, comprising the following steps:

loading of a structured model into a modeling tool (Section 3.1: Here, a class model is loaded)

generating of documentary fragments of the model (Section 3.1.1: Here, attributes are generated to be added to the class)

selecting of the model including the documentary information and of the generator of documentary fragments (Section 3.1.1: Here, the class model is selected to be loaded prior to the generation of the class fragments to be added)

inserting of the documentary fragments generated into the documentary structure of the documentary chain (Figures 3.1 and 3.2: Here, the generated documentary fragments are added to the loaded class model)

As per dependent claim 11, Alhir discloses wherein the structured model is a UML model (Section 3.1.1).

As per dependent claim 12, Alhir discloses wherein the updated of the documentation is performed with the aid of dynamic links established for each fragment generated between its location in the documentary chain and its physical file arising from the automatic documentary generation (Section 3.2: Here, a link is added to the model in order specify relations between the physical files represented by the UML model).

As per dependent claim 17, Alhir discloses wherein the final documentation comprises manual free text included between the fragments generated (Section 3.2: Here, the models include text defining the links between model fragments. For example, Figure 3.13 discloses that a user is “ResponsibleFor” “theWorkProduct” “WorkProduct.” This free text helps to define the association between “Worker” and “WorkProduct”).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the

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invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

7. Claims 13 and 15-16 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Alhir and further in view of "Bringing It All Together" (July 2002, hereafter BIAT).

As per dependent claim 13, Alhir discloses the limitations similar to those in claim 10, and the same rejection is incorporated herein. Alhir fails to specifically disclose wherein the model is produced with the aid of the "RHAPSODY" tool and that "RHAPSODY-DOC" is used to generate the documentary fragments that one desires to include in the final documentation. However, BIAT discloses the use of Rhapsody to generate the documentary fragments that one desires to include in the final documentation (pages 1-2: Here, Rhapsody is used to provide support for automatic code generation from a UML model). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the applicant's invention to have combined BIAT with Alhir, since

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it would have allowed a user to automatically generate software code from a UML model.

As per dependent claim 14, Alhir and BAIT disclose the limitations similar to those in claim 13, and the same rejection is incorporated herein. BAIT discloses wherein the documentary fragments are inserted into a document opened in a text processing (pages 1-2: Here, text of the UML document is processed to be included in the automatically generated code). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the applicant's invention to have combined BAIT with Alhir, since it would have allowed for the automatic inclusion of UML text data within the generated code.

As per dependent claim 15, Alhir discloses the limitations similar to those in claim 10, and the same rejection is incorporated herein. Alhir fails to specifically disclose wherein the "RHAPSODY-DOC" tool is used with "DOORS" for the generation of the documentary fragments processing information around the requirements, then the combination of "RHAPSODY-DOC" with a text processing so as to insert these DOORS fragments and architecture its final document. However, BAIT discloses wherein the "RHAPSODY-DOC" tool is used with "DOORS" for the generation of the documentary fragments processing information around the requirements, then the combination of "RHAPSODY-DOC" with a text processing so as to insert these DOORS fragments and architecture its final document (pages 1-2). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the applicant's invention to have combined BAIT

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with Alhir, since it would have allowed a user to interface between the UML model and other model languages, such as XMI.

As per dependent claim 16, Alhir discloses the limitations similar to those in claim 10, and the same rejection is incorporated herein. Alhir fails to specifically disclose wherein the "RHAPSODY-DOC" tool is used with "DOORS" and a text processing for the document generation. However, BAIT discloses wherein the "RHAPSODY-DOC" tool is used with "DOORS" and a text processing for the document generation (pages 1-2). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the applicant's invention to have combined BAIT with Alhir, since it would have allowed a user to interface between the UML model and other model languages, such as XMI.

8. Claim 18 remains rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Alhir and further in view of Pastor et al. (US 6681383, filed 4 April 2000, hereafter Pastor).

As per dependent claim 18, Alhir discloses the limitations similar to those in claim 10, and the same rejection is incorporated herein. Alhir fails to specifically disclose filtering of data. However, Pastor discloses filtering of data (column 9, lines 28-54). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the applicant's invention to have combined Pastor with Alhir, since it would have allowed for a user to specify preconditions to be satisfied prior to performing actions.

Response to Arguments

9. Applicant's arguments filed 1 April 2009 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

The applicant's initial argument is based upon the belief that Alhir fails to disclose a method for the production of a documentary chain (page 4). The examiner respectfully disagrees. Alhir discloses a method for production of a documentary chain on the basis of a structured model (Section 3.1). As an initial note, the applicant claims the steps for production of a documentary chain (claim 10, lines 1-2). Satisfaction of these claimed steps, by definition satisfies the claimed creation of the documentary chain. Additionally, in this instance, the class model of Alhir is the applicant's claimed documentary chain. Alhir discloses:

loading of a structured model into a modeling tool (Section 3.1: Here, a class model is loaded)

generating of documentary fragments of the model (Section 3.1.1: Here, attributes are generated to be added to the class)

selecting of the model including the documentary information and of the generator of documentary fragments (Section 3.1.1: Here, the class model is selected to be loaded prior to the generation of the class fragments to be added)

inserting of the documentary fragments generated into the documentary structure of the documentary chain (Figures 3.1 and 3.2: Here, the generated documentary fragments are added to the loaded class model)

Therefore, this argument is not persuasive.

With respect to the rejection of claims 13, 15-16, and 18, the applicant relies upon the belief that Alhir fails to disclose the documentation production method of claim 10 (page 5). This argument is similarly not persuasive.

Conclusion

10. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to KYLE R. STORK whose telephone number is (571)272-4130. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (8:00-4:30).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen Hong can be reached on (571) 272-4124. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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